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DOWNTOWN, SAN DIEGO.

HORTON PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER.

EXIT

REMEMBER, WE'LL ALL MEET BACK AT THE PARKING GARAGE AT FIVE O'CLOCK. IF YOU'RE LATE, YOU'LL BE WALKING HOME.

AND TRY NOT TO SPEND YOUR ENTIRE ALLOWANCE IN ONE PLACE.

WHAT'RE WE? THIRTEEN YEAR OLDS?

BESIDES, WE'LL BE LUCKY IF WE CAN EVEN AFFORD LUNCH! THEY OUGHTA MAKE US THE POSTER KIDS FOR THE "FEED THE GLOBE" FOUNDATION.

THEN STOP ACTING LIKE ONE, BOBBY.

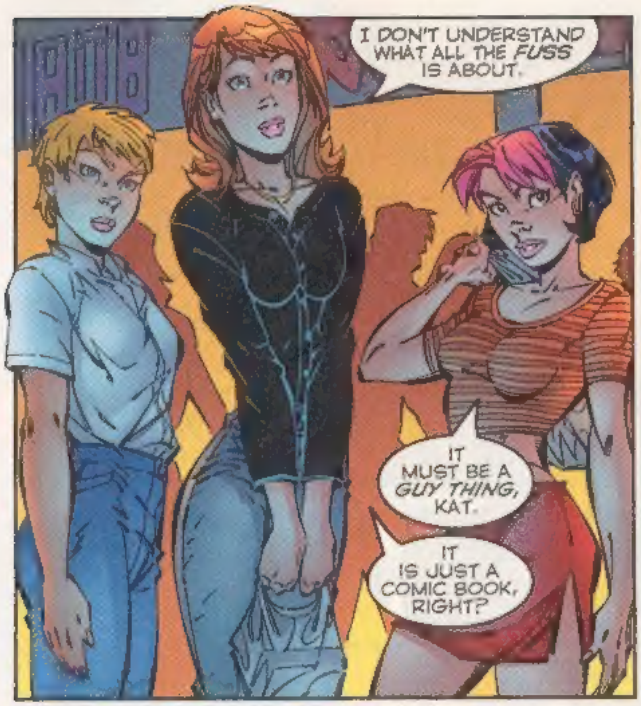
RESPONSIBILITY MEANS KNOWING HOW TO LIVE WITHIN A BUDGET. BACK AT HOME, WE NEVER EVEN HAD MALLS LIKE THIS ONE.

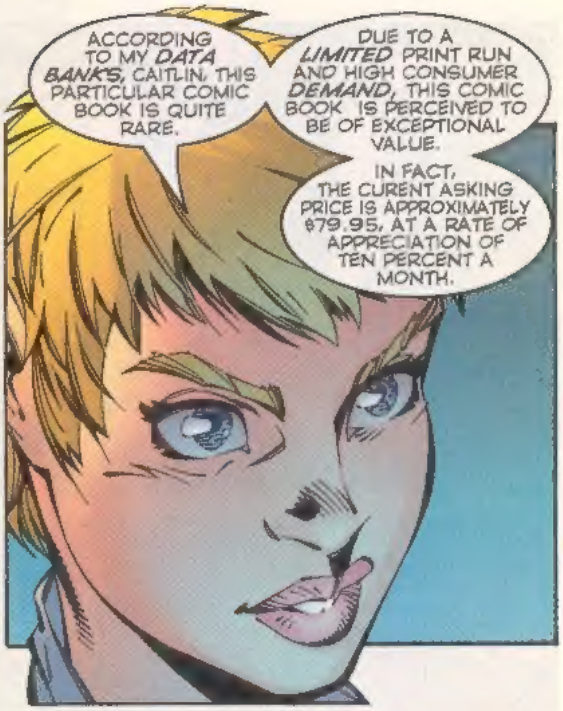
SARAH'S RIGHT. WE SHOULD BE ENJOYING THIS TIME OFF INSTEAD OF WORRYING ABOUT WHAT WE CAN OR CAN'T AFFORD.

GET WITH THE PROGRAM, PEOPLE! I'M ON A MISSION HERE!

I'M THE ONE WHO PROPOSED THIS FIELD TRIP IN THE FIRST PLACE! AND RIGHT NOW, WE'VE GOT TO GET TO THE COMIC BOOK STORE BEFORE THE AUCTION STARTS!

LOOK, PEOPLE! I'M NEVER GONNA MAKE IT TO THE STORE IN TIME IF YOU GUYS KEEP WINDOW SHOPPING --
THAT' S IT! I'M OUTTA HERE!
COMICS
I'VE GOT TO GET THERE BEFORE IT'S...
...TOO LATE!
THE SHOP'S ALREADY PACKED!
Oooh!
THERE IT IS!
Aaaah!
Whoda!
STEP RIGHT UP, FOLKS! TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT IT!
IT'S THE BOOK YOU'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR!
THAT'S RIGHT. IT'S THE LIMITED EDITION CAPTAIN PYRO CHROMIUM COVER!
THE ONE AND ONLY COPY AVAILABLE IN THE ENTIRE CITY!
AND THE ONLY WAY TO GET IT IS BY HAVING THE WINNING TICKET!
IT... IT'S SOOO MINT!
IT MUST BE MINE!


I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT ALL THE *FUSS* IS ABOUT.
IT MUST BE A *GUY THING*, KAT.
IT IS JUST A COMIC BOOK, RIGHT?

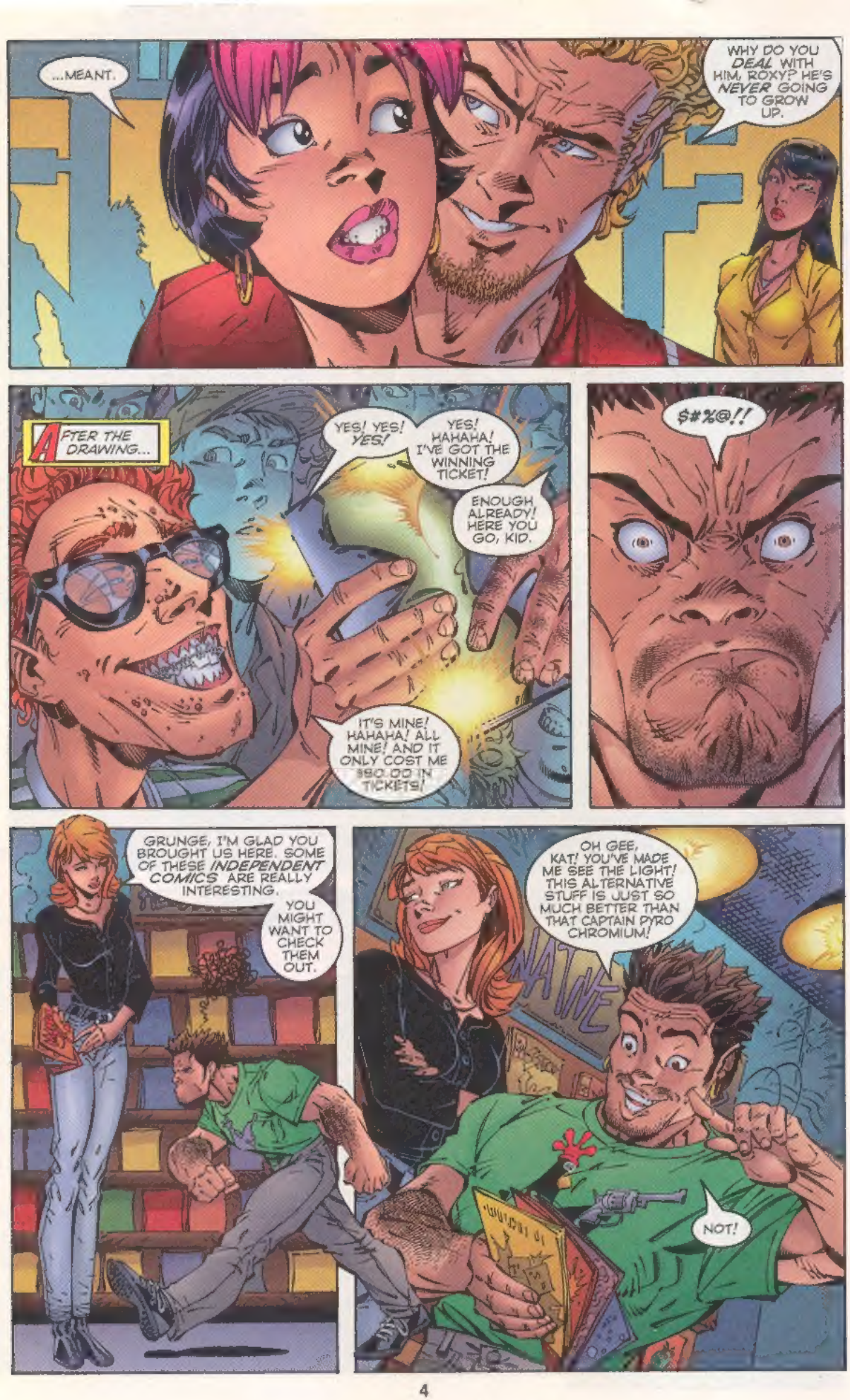

ACCORDING TO MY *DATA BANKS*, CAITLIN, THIS PARTICULAR COMIC BOOK IS QUITE RARE.
DUE TO A *LIMITED* PRINT RUN AND HIGH CONSUMER *DEMAND*, THIS COMIC BOOK IS PERCEIVED TO BE OF EXCEPTIONAL VALUE.
IN FACT, THE CURENT ASKING PRICE IS APPROXIMATELY $79.95, AT A RATE OF APPRECIATION OF TEN PERCENT A MONTH.

ALL THAT MONEY JUST FOR SOME FUNNY CARTOONS?
YOU KNOW, GRUNGE, I'VE GOT THIS OLD *HE-DUDE: MASTER OF THE COSMOS* DOLL YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN.

KNOCK IT OFF, GUYS!
THIS IS IMPORTANT TO HIM!
HUH?

BESIDES, COMIC BOOKS AREN'T JUST FOR *KIDS* ANYMORE. THEY'RE *BIG BUSINESS*, RIGHT?
SPARE ME THE SARCASM, ROX.
I MEAN, THEY'RE NOT ANY WORSE THAN THOSE *SLIPPERY PATH* POETRY BOOKS YOU READ.

THAT'S SYLVIA PLATH!
BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT I...
LOOK, I GOTTA BUY MY TICKETS!


...MEANT.
WHY DO YOU DEAL WITH HIM, ROXY? HE'S NEVER GOING TO GROW UP.
AFTER THE DRAWING...
YES! YES! YES!
YES! HAHAHA! I'VE GOT THE WINNING TICKET!
ENOUGH ALREADY! HERE YOU GO, KID.
IT'S MINE! HAHAHA! ALL MINE! AND IT ONLY COST ME $80.00 IN TICKETS!
$#%@!!
GRUNGE, I'M GLAD YOU BROUGHT US HERE. SOME OF THESE INDEPENDENT COMICS ARE REALLY INTERESTING.
YOU MIGHT WANT TO CHECK THEM OUT.
OH GEE, KAT! YOU'VE MADE ME SEE THE LIGHT! THIS ALTERNATIVE STUFF IS JUST SO MUCH BETTER THAN THAT CAPTAIN PYRO CHROMIUM!
NOT!

LATER...
OH BOY BURGER
GRUNGE, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO MOPE ALL DAY ABOUT THAT COMIC BOOK, ARE YOU?
YOU JUST DON'T GET IT, SARAH.
THAT CAPTAIN PYRO CHROMIUM WAS MY HOLY GRAIL!
AND NOW... I'VE NEARLY LOST MY APPETITE!
THAT BOOK SHOULD'VE BEEN *MINE!*
BUT INSTEAD, SOME GEEK *FAN-BOY* HAS HIS GRUBBY HANDS ALL OVER IT!
NOT HUNGRY?! THAT'S A FIRST!
C'MON, DUDE! LET IT GO ALREADY!
BESIDES, GRUNGE, DIDN'T YOU SAY *ANOTHER* HOT BOOK WAS COMING OUT *NEXT* MONTH?
EXIT
DESSERT DELIGHTS
DRINKS
GRUMBLE MUNCH GRUMBLE MUNCH
YOU KNOW, THERE ARE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE THAN JUST COMICS, GRUNGE.
LIKE HAVING A *FUN TIME* WITH YOUR *FRIENDS?*

WHOOP-DEE-DOO!
NO OFFENSE, SARAH, BUT THERE'S FOUR OF YOU AND ONLY ONE CAPTAIN PYRO! YOU DO THE MATH.
UH-OH! THAT BURGER DIDN'T SETTLE SO WELL.
PHHRRT
PEEEUUW! WHO JUST --
GRUNGE!
HEHE!
SORRY!
HEY, I KNOW WHEN I'M NOT WANTED!
SOME FRIENDS.
WELL, EXCUSE ME FOR BEING HUMAN!
THE WAY MY LUCK'S BEEN GOING TODAY, I PROBABLY JUST ATE A COUPLE MAD COW BURGERS!
MAYBE I CAN CHANGE ALL THAT, MY YOUNG FRIEND.
I SAW YOU AT THE COMIC BOOK STORE TODAY.
WHAT'RE YOU? SOME KINDA PERV?
I'M THE ONE PERSON WHO CAN HELP YOU GET A CAPTAIN PYRO CHROMIUM!
WHATCHU TALKIN' ABOUT, WILLIS?!

HEHEHE!
THOUGHT THAT MIGHT GET YOUR ATTENTION!
DUDE, ARE YOU --
SERIOUS? WELL, TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT WHAT I'VE GOT RIGHT HERE!
SSHHHINNNNG!
THIS IS A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY, KID.
THE CHANCE TO MAKE YOUR WILDEST DREAMS COME TRUE!
IF I'M DREAMIN', DON'T WAKE ME UP, PAL!
AND ALL I ASK FOR IN RETURN...
ASK AWAY, DUDE!
...IS YOUR ETERNAL SOUL!
UHHH... SURE!
YOU GOT IT!
IS THAT IT? PANT PANT DO I GET IT NOW?!

TWO THOUSAND YEARS LATER, GRUNGE. WHAT WERE YOU DOING IN THERE?
AND WHY ARE YOU SMILING LIKE THAT? OR SHOULD I EVEN BOTHER ASKING?
CHECK IT OUT, ROX!
IS THAT A CAPTAIN PYRO CHROMIUM?!
BUT HOW'D YOU GET IT?! THE STORE ONLY HAD ONE COPY.
GRUNGE, YOU DIDN'T TAKE IT FROM THE GEEK, DID YOU?
NAH, SOME DUDE IN THE BATHROOM GAVE IT TO ME.
HE'S RIGHT BEHIND -- HEY, WHERE'D HE GO?
UH, A GUY IN THE COMMODE IS GIVING AWAY COMIC BOOKS?
MAN, DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE INTO THAT STUFF, GRUNGE.
WELL, HE WAS KINDA WEIRD IN A FAUSTIAN SORT OF WAY, BUT...
...UH-OH... DON'T...FEEL... SO...GOOD...
...MUST'VE BEEN... SOMETHING...
...I ATE...
GRUNGE?!
HE -- HE'S PASSED OUT!
WHUMP
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?
...THINK IT WAS THE BURGERS...
...POSSIBLY FOOD POISONING...
...SOMEBODY CALL 911...
GRUNGE?

UNNHH...
...CAPTAIN PYRO...MUST HAVE...CHROMIUM COVER...
...DREAM... COME TRUE...
HEY! YOO-HOO!
GRUNGE! WAKE UP!
EVERYTHING -- STILL -- SPINNING!
WHA--WHAT'S GOING ON?!
WHERE AM I?
YOU'RE IN THE LAND OF S.A.
S.A.?
SEQUENTIAL ART.
OH... RIGHT.
HUH?! WHO -- WHAT'RE YOU?!
MY NAME IS TINKER FALL AND I'VE BEEN SENT TO HELP YOU.
YOU KNOW, YOU REMIND ME OF SOMEBODY.
SO, WHO SENT YOU TO HELP ME?
THE GOOD WITCH. SHE SAID YOU'D NEED HELP FINDING THE GREAT WIZARD.
THE GOOD WITCH?! THE GREAT WIZARD?!
THAT'S IT! THIS IS JUST TOO WHACKED! I GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE!
SOMEBODY WAKE ME UP!
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO GET BACK HOME, GRUNGE, THE GREAT WIZARD OF S.A. IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HELP YOU!

OUR JOURNEY BEGINS HERE
WHERE ELSE WOULD YOU GO TO LOOK FOR ANSWERS?
WELL, I NEVER SEEMED TO FIND ANY AT SCHOOL
REALLY? WHAT A SURPRISE
RIVERDALE HIGH?
YOU SURE ABOUT THIS, TINKER BELL?
OH MY!
WHOA CHECK IT OUT!
IT -- IT'S REALLY!
IT'S ARCHIE AND HIS GANG!
I USED TO READ ALL ABOUT 'EM WHEN I WAS A KID!
RONNIE!
I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM AROUND BEFORE!
HI THERE! WELCOME TO RIVERDALE HIGH!
MY NAME'S ARCHIE AND THESE ARE MY FRIENDS
YOU ASK ME, HE LOOKS LIKE TROUBLE
WHAT KIND OF GUY WEARS A PENGUIN ON HIS SHIRT?
I KINDA DIG IT REGGIE!
BESIDES, HE LOOKS MORE LIKE A BURGER MAN TO ME!
THAT'S ALL YOU EVER THINK ABOUT, JUGHEAD!
JUST LOOK AT HIM, BETTY! THOSE CLOTHES!
HE COULDN'T BE FROM AROUND HERE
C'MON, EVERYBODY!
IT'S TIME TO CRUISE ON OVER TO POP'S AND GET SOMETHING TO EAT!

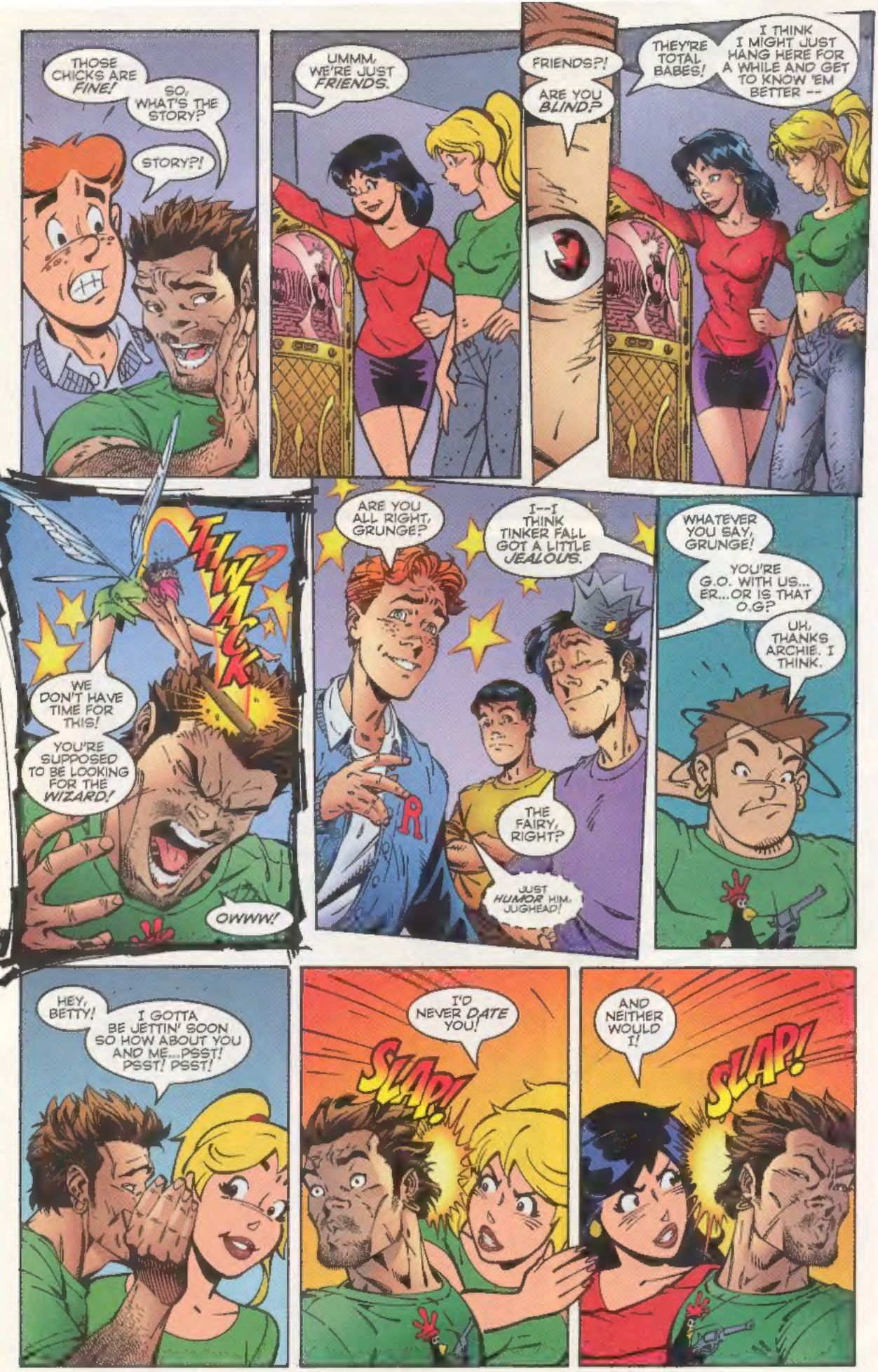
YOU KNOW, ARCH. I HAD YOU GUYS PEGGED ALL WRONG.
YOU GUYS ARE MONEY!
MONEY?
COOL.
POP!
OH. THANKS.
WE THINK YOU'RE MONEY, TOO.

SO YOU'RE ON SOME KIND OF QUEST, HUH?
WELL, THAT'S WHAT TINKER FALL TOLD ME.
TINKER FALL?
MY GUARDIAN FAIRY.
OH...OF COURSE.
WOW!
THIS GUY EATS AS MUCH AS JUGHEAD.

MUNCH
NOT MUNCH FOR MUCH MUNCH LONGER.
I'M MUNCH STUFFED!
JUG HERE MUNCH IS THE MAN!

BUT I AM GONNA HURL IF WE DON'T GET SOME NEW TUNES!
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY CUTTING EDGE STUFF?
LIKE WHAT?
HOW ABOUT SOME B**u** SURFERS?

GIGGLE! GIGGLE!
DON'T MIND, ARCHIE!
RONNIE AND I'LL BE GLAD TO FIND SOME SONGS FOR YOU!
GIGGLE! GIGGLE!


THOSE CHICKS ARE FINE!
SO, WHAT'S THE STORY?
STORY?!
UMMM, WE'RE JUST FRIENDS.
FRIENDS?!
ARE YOU BLIND?
THEY'RE TOTAL BABES!
I THINK I MIGHT JUST HANG HERE FOR A WHILE AND GET TO KNOW 'EM BETTER --
THWACK
WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS!
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE LOOKING FOR THE WIZARD!
OWWW!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, GRUNGE?
I--I THINK TINKER FALL GOT A LITTLE JEALOUS.
THE FAIRY, RIGHT?
JUST HUMOR HIM, JUGHEAD!
WHATEVER YOU SAY, GRUNGE!
YOU'RE G.O. WITH US... ER...OR IS THAT O.G?
UH, THANKS ARCHIE. I THINK.
HEY, BETTY!
I GOTTA BE JETTIN' SOON SO HOW ABOUT YOU AND ME...PSST! PSST! PSST!
I'D NEVER DATE YOU!
SLAP!
AND NEITHER WOULD I!
SLAP!

HA HA HA

Dear GEN[13],

Keep pump'n out the great comics. Campbell's artwork is kickin' and I hope he continues to pencil GEN[13] for as long as his pencil supply can last! Issue #12 was great and the storyline was fantastic! I hope to see more with both Fairchild and her father along with Burnout and Lynch. However, even though the comic had bitch'n artwork and a good plot, the ending really confused me.

1. In issue #12 when Caitlin comes back at the end, first they're in the pool and then suddenly they're on the beach. What's up with that?

2. When they're on the beach at the end, why in the world are Lynch and Caitlin kissing? Is Caitlin imagining it, or is it real? If it is real, is there going to be some kind of an affair between the two in the future?

3. Grunge jumps into the pool and knocks out almost all of the water, yet, when Sarah kicks Bobby into the water, the pool is suddenly filled again. What's going on there?

4. Even though I've read all the GEN[13] comics, I still haven't learned the exact powers of John Lynch and Mr. Fairchild. I was hoping you could tell me.

GEN-addict,
Art Wiesen III
St. Louis, MO

Art, okay, okay, I know you want some SERIOUS answers. I'll even keep 'em brief. 1. On p.19, it's like Caitlin is fantasizing about how things would be when she got back and p.20 is reality. 2. Two words: Dream sequence. 3. The pool looks empty, but Rainmaker turned the water into ice with a flick of the fingertips (just kidding). 4. Pretend like Lynch and Alex Fairchild are Luke and Han (Solo). The power they have is similiar to "The Force".

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